GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:231
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Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellowship Scheme
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is implementing Prime Minister''s Rural Development Fellow (PMRDF) Scheme, and if so, the details thereof, including locations of existing PMRDFs across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any performance review of the Fellowship Scheme and if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereon;

(c) the corrective steps taken to improve the working of the Fellowship Scheme; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to continue with the Fellowship Scheme to cover all districts of the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Statement as referred to in the Answer to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 231

(a) Yes, the Ministry is implementing Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellows Scheme in partnership with the State Governments, since 2012. The Fellowship is a short term work opportunity for young professionals to serve and learn in backward areas of the country. The Ministry recruited 156 fellows in Batch I and 160 fellows in batch II. As per available information, presently there are 100 fellows posted in 18 states. The statewise details of fellows are at Annexure.

(b) to (d) A review team reviewed the scheme. Some modifications in the scheme are under consideration.

Annexure

Locations of existing PMRDFs across the country, State/UT-wise

Sl. No. State No. of Fellows

1 Andhra Pradesh 3

2 Arunachal Pradesh 1

3 Assam 9

4 Bihar 6

5 Chhattisgarh 18

6 Jammu & Kashmir 8

7 Jharkhand 17

8 Madhya Pradesh 9

9 Maharashtra 1

10 Manipur 1

11 Meghalaya 2

12 Mizoram 1

13 Nagaland 2

14 Odisha 10

15 Telangana 3

16 Tripura 2

17 Uttar Pradesh 3

18 West Bengal 4

Total 100